

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

STEVEN SNODGRASS,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

Civil No. 12-cv-50-JPG

Criminal No 09-cr-30039-JPG

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 22(b)(1), the Court construes petitioner Steven Snodgrass's notice of appeal as a request for a certificate of appealability (Doc. 28). *See Ouska v. Cahill-Masching*, 246 F.3d 1036, 1045 (7th Cir. 2001). A § 2255 petitioner may not proceed on appeal without a certificate of appealability. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1); *see Ouska*, 246 F.3d at 1045. A certificate of appealability may issue "only if the applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2); *see Tennard v. Dretke*, 542 U.S. 274, 282 (2004); *Ouska*, 246 F.3d at 1045. To make such a showing, the petitioner must "demonstrate that reasonable jurists could debate whether [the] challenge in [the] habeas petition should have been resolved in a different manner or that the issue presented was adequate to deserve encouragement to proceed further." *Ouska*, 246 F.3d at 1046; *accord Tennard*, 542 U.S. at 282; *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000) (certificate of appealability should issue if the petitioner demonstrates "that reasonable jurists would find the district court's assessment of the constitutional claims debatable or wrong.")).

In this case, the Court granted the petitioner's § 2255 motion. However, it rejected a number of bases for the petitioner's request. As to the rejected grounds, the Court finds that the petitioner has not made the required showing and, accordingly, **DECLINES** to issue a certificate

of appealability. The Court further **DIRECTS** the Clerk of Court to send a copy of this order to the Court of Appeals in connection with Appeal No. 14-1210.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: January 31, 2014

s/J. Phil Gilbert
J. PHIL GILBERT
DISTRICT JUDGE